

DRAFT NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

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Intelligence Community Reorganization

There have been articles in the newspapers recently concerning the intent of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to propose some important organizational changes in the Intelligence Community. As many of you know, there is also a study going on concurrently in the Executive Branch of the Government to the same end. I would like to assure all members of the Agency of two things:

1. No final decisions have been made by either the President or the Congress.
2. In my view, the role of the CIA will be just as essential to our intelligence operations after any reorganization as before.

There are several objectives in the reorganization proposals. One is to ensure that the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence is commensurate with his responsibilities. Another is to codify the basic rules within which the CIA and the other intelligence agencies must operate. I look on both of these as steps which will strengthen both the Agency and the national intelligence effort.

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The entire review process is indicative of the increased attention which both the Executive and Legislative Branches of our Government are giving to intelligence operations today. In my view, this attention stemmed in part from the numerous investigations of the past several years, but it is now the result of an enhanced recognition of the importance of intelligence to our country, which was a side benefit of those investigations. I believe that we can only be strengthened by this increased attention and interest.